

IRISH CHURCH TEMPORALITIES COMMISSION.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 8 March 1877;—for,

RETURNS "of the OFFICERS and PERSONS in the Employment of the
COMMISSIONERS of the IRISH CHURCH TEMPORALITIES, with a STATE-
MENT of the Salary, Duties, and Date of Appointment of each;"

"And, of the Days in the Year 1876 in which the COURT of APPEAL Sat,
and the Number of APPEALS Disposed of."

(Dr. Ward.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
23 March 1877.

RETURNS of the OFFICERS and PERSONS in the Employment of the COMMISSIONERS of the IRISH CHURCH TEMPORALITIES, with a STATEMENT of the Salary, Duties, and Date of Appointment of each; and, of the Days in the Year 1876 in which the COURT of APPEAL Sat, and of the Number of APPEALS Disposed of.

SCHEDULE I.

RETURN of the OFFICERS and PERSONS, SALARIES, &c.

DEPARTMENTAL ORGANISATION.	Number of Persons Employed.	Precise Salaries.	Observations.
Secretary Denis Godley, appointed 1st January 1876.	1	800 - -	For duties, see Schedule II.
Chief Clerk's Department	22	4,434 - -	For detailed particulars, see Schedule III.
Registrar's Department	2	800 - -	- - ditto - - - see Schedule IV.
Collection Department	30	4,800 - -	- - ditto - - - see Schedule V.
Accountant's department	4	1,600 - -	- - ditto - - - see Schedule VI.
Office Keeper, Messenger, &c.	6	344 8 -	- - ditto - - - see Schedule VII.
Solicitor, John H. Franks, appointed 7th June 1876.	1	1,000 - -	Including office expenses; for particulars of duties, see Schedule VIII.
TOTAL - - -	67	4,814 8 -	

Note.—The gross expense of the Commission for the year 1876, amounting to 98,038 £. 11 s. 2 d., included the following items: Salaries of Commissioners, 2,000 £; salaries of officers and staff (including solicitor and his office expenses), 14,228 £. 16 s. 6 d.; allowances to clerks for extra duty, 726 £. 15 s. 11 d.; travelling expenses, 460 £. 1 s. 10 d.; private rates, taxes, repairs, fuel and light, 217 £. 11 s. 4 d.; stationery and printing, 800 £. 3 s. 1 d.; postage, 299 £. 10 s. 2 d.; costs and expenses of chancery, incidental expenses, and law costs, 3,927 £. 4 s. 11 d.; surveys and valuations, 2,120 £. 9 s. 1 d.; bailiffs, bog rent, collectors, &c., 69 £. 19 s. 2 d.; cost of audit, 819 £. 6 s. 8 d.

The net expense of the Commission, after deducting 8,331 £. p.s. 2 d. received for legal costs and fees, was 24,703 £. 2 s. for 1876.

SCHEDULE II.

SUMMARY OF SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

The Secretary's duties are so numerous and of such a miscellaneous nature that they cannot be given in full detail.

It can only be stated that every letter, every payment, every valuation of property, every treaty of sale, all financial affairs, in short every matter of business without exception, passes through his hands, to be either decided or reported on, and submitted to the Commissioners, as the circumstances of each case require. He is the chief executive and superintending officer of the Commissioners in the multiplicity of affairs which daily claim attention, and controls and manages the whole establishment of clerks.

SCHEDULE III.

CHIEF CLERK'S DEPARTMENT.

Names of Officers and Persons Employed.	Original Date of Appointment.	Title of Office Held.	Present Salary.	Nature of Duties.
William Leigh Baccaud	11 Jan. 1862	Chief Clerk -	£ 600 - -	Payments, general correspondence, miscellaneous.
Robert F. Kinder	24 Dec. 1853	1st Class Clerk -	350 - -	
Francis H. Charnay	16 " 1870	2nd Class Clerk -	300 - -	
St. George Ashe	18 Nov. 1871	- ditto -	180 - -	
Robert B. Phillips	18 Mar. "	- ditto -	140 - -	
James N. Moxon	12 Oct. 1874	- ditto -	100 - -	
Walter S. Corry	10 Dec. "	Temporary Clerk -	82 - -	
Charles B. Coker	14 Sept. 1875	- ditto -	82 - -	
James R. Tracy	7 Mar. 1877	- ditto -	82 - -	
Walter P. Prendergast	1 Nov. 1859	Inspector of Estates -	400 - -	Valuation, management, and sale of mental lands.
Edward F. Gemby	16 " 1871	1st Class Clerk -	280 - -	
Myles A. Hardy	18 " 1871	2nd Class Clerk -	190 - -	
Morrough O'Brien	1 Mar. 1871	Principal Valuator -	400 - -	Valuation of lands.
William W. Gleeson	12 Nov. 1853	1st Class Clerk -	320 - -	
William J. Shaw	23 Mar. 1857	- ditto -	260 - -	
H. E. F. Jones	23 Dec. 1870	2nd Class Clerk -	200 - -	
John L. Wingfield	21 Feb. 1870	Temporary Clerk -	82 - -	
Raymond Dowdall	22 " 1877	- ditto -	82 - -	
Samuel de Litté	28 Nov. 1870	2nd Class Clerk -	270 - -	General correspondence and registration of letters.
Richard M. Peter	14 Dec. "	- ditto -	150 - -	
Thomas Creagan	10 Jan. 1871	Temporary Clerk -	82 - -	
F. W. Fullerton	9 Oct. 1876	- ditto -	82 - -	
TOTAL SALARIES - - - £				4,434 - -

Note.—In addition to the foregoing salaries a sum of £211 0s. 6d. was paid as allowances to clerks for extra duty during the year 1876.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES.

The valuation of the landed property of the Commissioners. The various details connected with the offering for sale of the lands to the representative church body, the tenants and the public, ordering of surveys and maps. The correspondence and calculations arising out of the treaties with the several purchasers. On payment of purchase money giving the necessary instructions to the solicitor for the preparation of the mortgages, vesting orders, conveyances, or other deeds. Preparing schedules of particulars of the various transactions for the use of the Accountant and Exchequer and Audit Department. Conversion of leasesholds into perpetuities. Calculation of fines on renewable leases. Letting of bogs and untenantable lands. Landed property, amounting to £90,498 £., was sold in 1876.

The investigation of applications, with consequent calculations for the purchase or conversion of tithe rent-charge, and preparing the merging orders. The total value of tithe rent-charge sold for cash, or converted into terminable annuities in 1876 being £203,523 £., and number of applications 1,068. The examination of all claims with consequent correspondence, made in respect of payments chargeable on the funds of the Commission, which in 1876 involved the investigation of about 4,500 claims. Furnishing explanations to the Comptroller and Auditor General, to enable him to audit the disbursements of the Commission.

The general correspondence of the Commission. The registration and endorsement of letters received for all departments of the Commission, and the replies thereto. The total number of letters, claims, &c., received during 1876 was 23,170, and the total number of replies thereto and other outgoing letters during that year was 26,770.*

* These figures are exclusive of about 100,000 receivable orders and notices issued to payors of tithe rent-charge, rents, &c., by collection department.

SCHEDULE IV.

REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.

Names of Officers and Persons Employed.	Original Date of Appointment.	Title of Office Held.	Present Salary.	Nature of Duties.
George Atkins - (Barrister-at-Law.)	25 Oct. 1869	Registrar - -	£. s. d. 400 - -	To conduct and manage the legal department of the Commission under the directions of Mr. Justice Lawson.
William J. Micka -	10 May 1872	1st Class Clerk -	230 - -	<i>See below.</i>
Samuel A. Lawson -	1 Nov. 1869	Clerk to Registrar -	200 - -	
TOTAL SALARIES - - - £.			830 - -	

Note.—In addition to the foregoing salaries a sum of 15 l. 18s. 2d. was paid as allowance to clerks for extra duty for copying documents during the year 1870.

N.B.—The sum received for searches and copies of documents averages about 20 l. per annum.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES.

The duties of this department are as follows:—

1. The care and custody of the records of the Commissioners, and their orders and rulings, including title rent-charge merging orders.
2. The custody of the Diocesan Records handed over to the Commissioners pursuant to the 47th Section of the Irish Church Act.
3. Searching for records required to be inspected by the public, and furnishing certified copies thereof.
4. Investigating all claims for compensation or otherwise, reporting upon them, and submitting them to Mr. Justice Lawson for his ruling.
5. Noting the rulings and decisions of the Commissioners, and seeing that they are carried out.
6. To investigate the abstracts of titles to advowsons, and have them properly verified. To direct the proper searches, and to bring the same before the Commissioner for his ruling.
7. To draft all orders, and to have same duly entered and recorded in the registry.
8. To act as Registrar when the full Court sits, and to take down the rulings and have them made up and recorded.
9. To tax all bills of costs allowed by the Commissioners to owners of advowsons and other claimants.

In addition to the foregoing duties discharged by the Registrar and his clerks, the Registrar acts as auctioneer at all sales by auction of property held in the Commissioners' office.

He is specially attached to the office of Mr. Justice Lawson, acts under his direction, and conducts his correspondence. To take his directions on all disputed questions respecting conditions of sale, claims of purchasers, and frame of conveyances.

SCHEDULE V.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

Names of Officers and Persons Employed.	Original Date of Appointment.	Title of Office Held.	Present Salary.	Nature of Duties.
Godfrey, Petherston H	30 Nov. 1855	Collector -	£ 600 - - -	General management of department.
Dawson, T. Knox	15 June 1853	1st Class Clerk -	300 - - -	Collection, tithe rent-charge, and purchase money.
J. L. Boileau	5 May 1850	- - ditto -	300 - - -	Preparing apportionment orders of tithe rent-charge.
Eyre, W. Preston	25 , 1876	Tax-collecting agent -	300 - - -	Identification of lands out of which tithe rent-charge is payable.
W. H. C. Shapard	20 June 1870	1st Class Clerk -	250 - - -	
J. J. Stedman	29 April "	2nd ditto -	200 - - -	
L. C. E. D. Dowdall	23 Nov. "	- - ditto -	150 - - -	
S. Cooper	12 Dec. "	- - ditto -	150 - - -	
W. H. Lee	15 " "	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
H. Pollock	15 "	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
J. O'Donnell	5 Jan. 1871	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
J. Head	17 "	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
F. Grubble	3 "	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
C. T. Brett	8 Feb. "	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
R. H. Knox	6 April "	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
L. N. Morsrough	8 Feb. "	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
F. J. Jones	13 Dec. 1870	- - ditto -	140 - - -	
A. B. Richards	25 Nov. 1871	- - ditto -	130 - - -	
R. L. Holden (Stationery Clerk)	23 Jan. 1872	Temporary Clerk	82 - - -	
E. H. Winder	1 Oct. 1874	- - ditto -	82 - - -	
A. St. G. Walskey	6 "	- - ditto -	82 - - -	
W. H. Hart	1 Dec. "	- - ditto -	82 - - -	
W. A. Mervyn	7 Jan. 1875	- - ditto -	82 - - -	
R. J. H. Black	23 Oct. 1876	- - ditto -	82 - - -	
R. Lewis	15 Nov. 1869	1st Class Clerk -	250 - - -	
G. J. J. Campbell	23 "	2nd ditto -	150 - - -	
C. U. Carruthers	8 Feb. 1871	- - ditto -	150 - - -	
T. S. Twigg	2 "	- - ditto -	100 - - -	
G. F. Dean	1 Dec. 1874	Temporary Clerk	82 - - -	
B. P. Correll	7 April 1876	- - ditto -	82 - - -	
TOTAL SALARIES - - - £.			4,905 - - -	

Note.—In addition to the foregoing salaries, a sum of 275 £. 16 s. 4 d. was paid as allowances to clerks for extra duty during the year 1876.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES.

- 1st. Preparation and keeping of all books necessary for recording in detail the receipt of an annual revenue exceeding 600,000 £., collected from about 50,000 payers.
- 2nd. Preparation and issue of at least 100,000 receivable orders and notices for payment, &c.
- 3rd. Preparation of detailed rentals for audit.
- 4th. Furnishing schedules of arrears to solicitor, and obtaining local information necessary for proceedings.
- 5th. Investigating applications for apportionment of tithe rent-charge under the Amendment Act of 1872.
- 6th. Ascertaining and recording all changes of ownership of lands in Ireland which affect the liability to tithe rent-charge, whether arising from sales in the landed estates or otherwise.
- 7th. Examining apportionments and other ecclesiastical books of record, to establish rent-charge liabilities which are disputed, and to ascertain liabilities which may have been omitted from the rentals furnished by the clergy.
- 8th. Checking and certifying all claims for taxes payable out of the landed property of the Commissioners.
- 9th. Attending to payers and others who call at the office for information and on business of various kinds.

SCHEDULE VI.

ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT.

Names of Officers and Persons Employed.	Original Date of Appointment.	Title of Office Held.	Present Salary.	Nature of Duties.
Alfred J. Phipps -	1 Sept. 1839	Accountant -	£. s. d. 600 - - -	
Henry A. Taylor -	14 Feb. 1838	1st Class Clerk -	220 - - -	
Robert G. Seymour -	25 Nov. 1838	- - ditto -	220 - - -	
Henry Pentland -	17 April 1873	2nd Class Clerk -	190 - - -	
		TOTAL SALARIES - - - £.	1,030 - - -	

Note.—In addition to the foregoing salaries a sum of 71*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* was paid as allowances to clerks for extra duty during the year 1876.

N.B.—At present an additional clerk is on duty for two months on scribentry work at 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* per week.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES.

To keep the accounts of the Commission on double entry system. To record all the transactions of the Commissioners in the fullest detail. To prepare and render, monthly, to the Exchequer and Audit Department a detailed account of all receipts, payments, and balances in a distinct and special form, as required by the Comptroller and Auditor General. To prepare and render also to the Exchequer and Audit Department, an annual account, together with an account for the whole period of the Commission at the expiration of each year. To prepare an abstract account as an Appendix to the Report made annually to Parliament by the Commissioners. To make all payments for the Commissioners. To receive from the Bank of Ireland, daily, all receivable orders, and to compare them with the entries in the bank pass books.

To balance the "cash" and "drawing" accounts, daily, with the bank books. To pay daily into the Bank of Ireland all moneys which have been received through the hands of the solicitor, or which have been transmitted by post to the Commissioners, and to keep a petty cash account of payments of small amount.

Observation.—The salary of the accountant, according to the official scale, is fixed at 600*l.* per annum, but in respect of his previous service of 30 years in the Department of Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues in London, he is in receipt of 800*l.* per annum, under the authority of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE VII.

OFFICE KEEPER, MESSENGERS, &c.

Name of Persons Employed.	Original Date of Appointment.	Title of Office Held.	Present Salary.	Nature of Duties.
Thomas Hughes -	18 Mar. 1863	Office keeper -	£. s. d. 70 - - -	
Mrs. Susan Hughes -	28 Sept. 1863	Housekeeper -	33 0 - -	Care of house and offices.
John Haddock -	2 Mar. 1860	Messenger -	00 - - -	
William Jones -	16 " 1863	ditto -	00 - - -	
William Walsh -	19 Dec. 1871	ditto -	00 - - -	Ordinary duties of messenger.
John Pearson -	11 April 1872	ditto -	58 - - -	
TOTAL SALARIES - - - £.			344 8 -	

Note.—In addition to the foregoing salaries, a sum of £1. 7s. 7d. was paid as allowances to messengers for extra duty during the year 1876.

SCHEDULE VIII.

SUMMARY OF SOLICITOR'S DUTIES.

1st. Enforcement of arrears of tithe rent-charge, rents, fixed annual instalments of purchase money and tithe rent-charges.

The schedules referred to the solicitor shortly after his appointment included some 4,000 cases, nearly all of which have since been recovered by action at law or otherwise, sums amounting to upwards of £35,000*l.* were paid over by him up to the 31st December 1876. Instructing local solicitors for proceedings in sessions court where tithe rent-charges to be recovered is under £2 per annum, and furnishing them with necessary evidence.

2nd. Perusing, checking, and approving grants in perpetuity furnished by tenants' solicitor.

Like conveyance of perpetuity rents.

Like conveyances of mensal lands.

Like conveyance of glebe lands.

Upwards of 400 draft deeds were settled between 7th June 1876 and 31st December 1876. Perusing instructions and deeds from the Commissioners' sale departments. Comparing engrossments with drafts. Sealing deeds and swearing affidavits of execution. Assessing and checking stamp duties. Advising the Commissioners on tenants' rights of renewal and pre-emption, and reporting on title. Preparing leases. Preparing vesting orders of mensal glebe lands to church body. Preparing mortgages to Commissioners. Stamping and registering same. Issuing pre-emption notices to tenants. Engrossing, getting certificates for, stamping and enrolling, transcripts of perpetuity deeds.

3rd. Carriage of sale in Landed Estates Court, and legal duties connected with Commissioners' other sales. Conduct of Chancery suits on behalf of and defending the Commissioners. *Ex parte* and other motions in Court of Chancery for transfer of stock,

advowson, railway, and similar cases. Attending taxation of costs ordered to be paid by the Commissioners. Appearing in Landed Estates Court on all sales where there is either an arrear or the liability to tithe rent-charge is disputed.

4th. To attend personally, daily, at the office, to receive and hand over all money received by him for the Commissioners. To settle conditions of sale. To attend at Landed Estates Court (personally) to draw and give receipts for money to be paid to the Commissioners.

From date of solicitor's appointment, 7th June 1876 to 31st December 1876, the expenses of his office were as follows:—

	£. s. d.
Salary for solicitor and staff -	838 6 10
Parchments, &c. -	250 - -
Incidental expenses (counsel's fees, &c.)	652 3 4
Stamp duties, &c. on deeds	192 14 10
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	£. 1,933 4 -

The amount of costs received by the solicitor from the public, and paid over to the Commissioners during the same period, amounted to 2,940 £. 14 s. 7 d., leaving a profit to the surplus of 1,007 £. 10 s. 7 d.

SCHEDULE IX.

RETURN of Sittings of COURT of APPEAL in 1876.

Days on which Court of Appeal Sat.	Number of Appeals Disposed of.
Tuesday, 21 October 1876 - - - - -	Three.
Wednesday, 1 November 1876 - - - - -	Four.

EDWARD CHURCHILL THOMPSON
COUNSELOR AT LAW.

EDITION OF THE DECREES AND PRACTICE OF THE
EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LONDON
CROWN TITHES, WITH A HISTORY OF
THE POLICY, PRACTICE, AND STATE OF APPOINTMENT
OF TITHES, AND OF THE DUTIES IN THE TITHES WHICH
IN WHICH THE CROWN OF ENGLAND HAS, AND THE
NUMBER OF APPRENTICES DISPOSED OF.

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